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AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATOR HAS PROPOSED THAT DOMESTIC UNITED STATES PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES BE AUTHORIZED TO CULTIVATE THE BRACTEATUM POPPY AND PRODUCE THEBAINE FROM IT. ON MARCH 15, 16 AND 17 PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE HELD IN WASHINGTON ON THIS MATTER BEFORE AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE. TESTIMONY WAS PROVIDED BY AMERICAN PRIVATE PHARMACEUTICAL INTERESTS AND A NUMBER OF

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. MS. MATHEA FALCO, SENIOR ADVISER TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND COORDINATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS MATTERS, TESTIFYING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, TOOK A STRONG POSITION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSAL. HER POSITION WAS BASED BOTH ON GENERAL FOREIGN RELATIONS CONSIDERATIONS AND ON THE GROUNDS THAT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL WOULD PROVOKE NEGATIVE REACTIONS IN COUNTRIES IMPORTANT TO US IN OUR PRESENT EFFORTS TO CONTROL AND REDUCE THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ILLEGAL DRUG TRAFFIC. COPIES OF MS. FALCO'S STATEMENT ARE BEING SENT BY POUCH. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DECISION ON THIS MATTER WILL BE REACHED BY THE END OF APRIL.

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